



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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November 12, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF
A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND
OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO
THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO FUND THE
WHITTIER NARROWS DOMINGUEZ PLAY SCULPTURE REHABILITATION
PROJECT AND ADOPT THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for County Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, in the amount of \$100,000 to partially fund the proposed Whittier Narrows Dominguez Play Sculpture Rehabilitation Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed Whittier Narrows Dominguez Play Sculpture Rehabilitation Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the project.
2. Adopt a Resolution to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for County Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, in the amount of \$100,000 to partially fund the proposed Whittier Narrows Dominguez Play Sculpture Rehabilitation Project.
3. Adopt a Youth Employment Plan for the proposed Whittier Narrows Dominguez Play Sculpture

Rehabilitation Project.

4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County, to accept the grant funds, execute the agreement, conduct all negotiations, and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, amendments, deed restrictions, Memorandum of Unrecorded Grant Agreement, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) for County Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), in the amount of \$100,000 to partially fund the proposed Whittier Narrows Dominguez Play Sculpture Rehabilitation Project (Project).

The proposed Project is located at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area (WNRA) at 823 Lexington Gallatin Road in South El Monte. The scope of work will consist of the rehabilitation of six concrete play sculptures, including lead abatement and historic restoration of the concrete finish and paint. In addition, the surface, borders, paving, and adjacent picnic tables will be replaced and signage will be installed.

Additionally, it is required that a Youth Employment Plan (Attachment I) be adopted by the governing body of the grantee at a duly-noticed public meeting for each project funded through Proposition A.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by improving and enhancing recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total project cost is estimated at \$163,000, which will be funded with \$100,000 in County Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District and \$63,000 from Measure U funds. Sufficient appropriation for the grant is budgeted in the First Supervisorial District's portion of RPOSD's Excess Funds Project Fund.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

The recommended actions allow the Department to propose a rehabilitation project for partial grant funding. Additional operating costs may materialize from the project provisions, but will be dependent on the final provisions for the grant. The Department will re-evaluate the Project and identify any additional costs upon acceptance of grant funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving

grants of Excess Funds. The Department has met this requirement.

On June 26, 1997, the Board required agencies to adopt a Youth Employment Plan for projects funded by the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 and 1996.

County Departments are required to attach Grant Management Statement forms when filing a Board letter for grants of \$100,000 or more. The Grant Management Statement form for the Project is attached.

County Counsel has approved this Board Letter and Resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Project, which consists of rehabilitation of six concrete play sculptures, including lead abatement and historic restoration of the concrete finish and paint; replacement of the surface, borders, paving and adjacent picnic tables; installation of signage; and rehabilitation of historical resources consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for the Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995) Weeks and Grimmer, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(d), 15302(c), 15303(e), and 15331 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1(c), 2(e), and 3(b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G.

The proposed Project will not involve the removal of healthy, mature trees. The proposed Project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed Project records.

Upon the Board's approval of the Project, the Department may file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk in accordance with Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects or services at WNRA.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Should you have any questions, please contact Luva Robinson at (213) 637-1845 or lrobinson@parks.lacounty.gov, Faith Parducho at (213) 738-2811 or fparducho@parks.lacounty.gov, Kasey Dizon at (213) 738-2986 or kdizon@parks.lacounty.gov, or Kaye Michelson at (213) 738-2955 or kmichelson@parks.lacounty.gov.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney".

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

ATTACHMENT I

WHITTIER NARROWS DOMINGUEZ PLAY SCULPTURE REHABILITATION PROJECT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

Background:

The scope of work will consist of the rehabilitation of six concrete play sculptures, including lead abatement and historic restoration of the concrete finish and paint. In addition, the surface, borders, paving, and adjacent picnic tables will be replaced and signage will be installed.

Tasks that may be performed by At-Risk Youth:

The Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) will utilize youth to assist with site clean-up.

Estimated Cost for Youth Employment:

The estimated budget for youth employment for this project is approximately \$1,200.

Method of Youth Employment:

The Department will utilize its existing as-needed service agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Conservation and Service Corps to employ At-Risk Youth to assist with site clean-up.

Youth Employment Goal:

Under the provisions of the County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District's policy on employment of youth, the Youth Employment Minimum Obligation (YEMO) for the County of Los Angeles is \$15,739,750. The YEMO has been met.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR
FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDS
FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
TO FUND THE WHITTIER NARROWS DOMINGUEZ PLAY SCULPTURE
REHABILITATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions, and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to certify, by resolution, the approval of applications before submission of said applications to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that the Department must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the Department certifies, through this resolution, that the applications are approved for submission to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Department will enter into an agreement with the District to provide funds for the Whittier Narrows Dominguez Play Sculpture Rehabilitation Project (Project).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY:**

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Funds for the above Project; and
2. Certifies that Department understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that the Department has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project in perpetuity; and

4. Certifies that the Department will sign and return, within 30 days, both copies of the project agreement sent by the District for authorizing signature; and

5. Appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation, or designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, memoranda of unrecorded grant agreements, deed restrictions, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects.

The foregoing resolution was passed on this _____ day of _____, 2014, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

**SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles**

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**MARK J. SALADINO
County Counsel**

By Christina A. Salseda
Principal Deputy County Counsel

Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

Grant Project Title and Description

WHITTIER NARROWS DOMINGUEZ PLAY SCULPTURE REHABILITATION PROJECT: The scope of work will consist of the rehabilitation of six concrete play sculptures, including lead abatement and historic restoration of the concrete finish and paint. In addition, the surface, borders, paving, and adjacent picnic tables will be replaced, and signage will be installed.

Funding Agency

Regional Park and Open
Space District

Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)

Prop. A

Grant Acceptance

Deadline:

TBD

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$100,000

County Match: N/A

Grant Period: TBD subject to grant approval

Begin Date: TBD

End Date: TBD

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:

Full Time: N/A

Part Time: N/A

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? N/A

Yes:

No:

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?

Yes:

No:

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?

Yes: X

No:

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will: N/A

a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services

Yes:

No:

b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)

Yes:

No:

c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.

Yes:

No:

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

N/A

Other requirements not mentioned above:

N/A

Department Head Signature:

[Signature]
Date: 10-20-14